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Resolutions are placed among the Documents, but the speeches, for want of room, are deferred to next number, when a correct account of them will be given. The meeting at Belfast was, like all the others, highly peaceable and orderly. Aristocratic hauteur, always afraid of the people, and on all occasions ready to malign them, may call an assemblage of the people a *mob*, because they are not all of the richer ranks, but the Catholic meeting at Belfast afforded a practical refutation of the calumny, and demonstrated that a meeting can be held, with a majority composed of the despised lower orders, and without the presidency of a magistrate, in which the greatest decorum shall be preserved. If magistrates, perverting the ends of their office, encourage and organize a riot, the most peaceable meeting may readily, by such machinations, be converted into a riotous assembly.

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To the Proprietors of the *Belfast Magazine*.

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PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

WHAT are the great instruments of hostility to Catholic Emancipation? The Orange Associations, and a neutral press. The extinction of the Orange system, the establishment of a free press in Ulster, these are the direct means of forwarding this great and national cause. Orangemen, and the patrons of Orangemen, are the only positive enemies to Catholic claims. Nothing, therefore, can forward their views so effectually, as the suppression of this truly Anti-Catholic system. Again, by the silence of the press, the just and righteous claims of the Catholic millions are kept back from public view; while an independent press would force upon public attention this cause, that asks but to be known, in order to be successful.

These two great evils strengthen each other. But for Orange patronage and support, our Ulster newspaper press would have sunk before this time. Orangemen

have kept them up, and they have been most efficient, though indirect, upholders of Orangism. Under their silent, protecting shade, the noxious plant of Orangism has thriven and advanced to an evil maturity! The neutral press refuses to lend a hand in putting down Orangism; this they would call "becoming party men," an imputation they dread of all things; and thus they stand neutral and impartial between the acknowledged friends, and the well-known enemies of their country! Such are our Ulster newspapers, from Newry round to Enniskillen; and such they are likely to continue to the end of the chapter, for they will not be reformed!

To remove these great evils, the Catholics, not of Ulster alone, but throughout the whole kingdom, should forward the petition against Orangism, and assist in the establishment of an independent newspaper in this province. These are direct, practical modes of advancing the cause, and would be much more efficient, than the routine labour of public common-place speeches, and votes of thanks to their "royal," and "noble," and "eloquent friends." Let your orators, who are eloquent over their wine, cease talking in the air, and devote a little of their time to the inquiring after, and ascertaining of such STRONG FACTS, as would form a mass of evidence, to prove the assertions in the Anti-Orange petition, as they can be proved. Instances of Orange outrage; of Magisterial partiality; of prosecutions at law suppressed, through intimidation or bribery, &c. Let your speculating, talking patriots, procure a number of such facts as these, that can be established on oath, and they will do a practical good to their country.

The public are anxious for the appearance of the Newry paper, which is announced for November next, and promises well. If it performs ably, according to these promises, it must ensure support. In fact, there would be room for more than one Newspaper on liberal principles in Ulster. And though it may not answer the views of the Dublin Proprietors to encourage an Independent Newspaper too much, in this province, it is yet the very greatest desideratum, not only for us, but for the nation at large.

I beg your insertion of this in the Political Correspondence for the present month. I remain, &c.

O'NEILL.